

## **CHAPTER 5 CONSTABLES**

### **ARTICLE I - CONSTABLE'S COMMISSION ORDINANCE**

#### **Section 5-101 Appointment**

In accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, the Town Manager may appoint, subject to confirmation by the Town Council, for not more than one year, suspend control and fix the compensation of so many constables of the Town of Freeport as may, in the opinion of the Town Manager, be necessary or required to serve the needs of the public safety or welfare of the Town of Freeport.

#### **Section 5-102 Qualifications**

Constables shall be of good moral character and no constable commission shall be granted to any person who has been convicted in any State of the United States of a felony.

#### **Section 5-103 Application**

1. All applicants for the position of constable shall submit to the Town Manager in such form as may be prepared and approved by the Town Manager all pertinent information relative to the applicant's qualifications for the position of Constable.
2. All applicants shall be fingerprinted by the Freeport Police Department, and the Chief of Police shall submit the fingerprints of each applicant to the appropriate State and Federal agencies for classification and criminal record.
3. In addition to the foregoing, the Chief of Police shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, such investigation regarding the applicant's qualification as he may deem appropriate.
4. All information relating to each applicant shall be presented to the Town Manager, together with a recommendation of the Chief of Police, and the Town Manager shall present himself to the Town Council to answer any questions regarding each applicant.

#### **Section 5-104 Oath of Office, Bond**

Upon approval and appointment, every constable shall forthwith qualify for the office by presenting to the Town Treasurer a surety bond in an amount approved by the Town Manager and by taking the required oath of office before the Town Clerk, which oath shall be subscribed by the Town Clerk, and filed and preserved in the Municipal Offices.

### **Section 5-105 Removal**

The Town Council may remove any constable from office for cause, after notice and hearing.

### **Section 5-106 Savings Clause**

The invalidity of any provisions of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provisions.